PENN SCHOOL HISTORIC DISTRICT,
BRICK CHURCH
St. Helena Island
Frogmore Vicinity
Beaufort County
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-588-C

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Southeast Region
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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STATE South Carolina	COUNTY Beaufort		TOWN OR VICINITY Frogmore, vic.			
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCL	UOF SOURCE FOR	NAME		HABS NO.		
Penn School Historic District, Brick Church				5C-500-C		
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE						
COMPLETE ADDRESS (OESCRIBE LOCA St. Helena Island, one mile s		•				
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1855		AR CHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)				
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)						
Part of a complex of buildings of one of the first black schools in the south (see cover form). This is the oldest building on the complex. Slaves built the church and the pews and took the building over after the Civil War.						
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival elements						
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)						
brick				<u> </u>		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTU rectangular	RE <i>(SKETCHED F L</i>	OOR PLANS ON SEPA	RATE PAGES AR	E ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE corbelled cornice, blind lune entries on all but the west:		as recessed windo	ows between p	oseudo pilasters.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (OESCI	RIBE FLOOR PLAN	S, IF NOT SKETCHED)				
balconies supported by Doric columns, original pews built by slaves, 1855-56						
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION	S WITH DATES					
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE						
Good.						
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE						
Listed on both the National E	Register of His	storic Places and	l National H	istoric Landmarks		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDIA Cecil McKithan, southeast reg catalog, 1976 (p. 683).	NG LISTING ON NA gional office a	TIONAL REGISTER, S and The National	TATE REGISTER Register of	RS,ETC.) f Historic Places		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION				DATE		
C. Crawford				April 1987		

Addendum To:
PENN SCHOOL HISTORIC DISTRICT,
BRICK CHURCH
SC Route 37
1 mile south of Frogmore
Beaufort County
South Carolina

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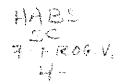
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*window in chancel area. Single wooden doors on either side.

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STATE	COUNTY		TOWN OR VI	CINITY As of 4/1/88			
South Carolina	Beaufort			St. Helena Island			
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUOE SOURCE FOR NAME)			HABS NO.				
Brick Church (Penn Cente	SC-588-C						
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE							
Central Baptist Church							
COMPLETE ADDRESS (OESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)							
One mile south of Frogmore on S.C. Highway #37							
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUOE SOURCE) ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUOE SOURCE)				7			
1855 (NR nomination)	1855 (NR nomination)						
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUOE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Oldest building in historic district; during the Civil War and Reconstruction it served as the nucleus of the community of freed slaves and Northern abolitionists and was used as church, meeting hall, and school.							
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival (influenced)							
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)							
Brick							
SHAPE AND OIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHEO FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)							
Rectangular, 2-stories, gable roof							
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Symmetrically arranged windows, doors and brick pilasters, two stories in height and between windows and corners; central double door flanked by two single, four-panel wooden doors on principal gable end facade; 9/9 light windows throughout, all surmounted by brick flat arches, except for 9/12 light *							
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Early (original) panel- ended wooden pews; gallery along three walls with panelled balustrade, supported by wooden columns, enclosed curving stair to gallery at each of front corners of building.							
MAJOR ALTERATIONS ANO AODITIONS WITH DATES Basically unaltered; wood framing for roof and roofing material appear to be modern.							
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Presently used as church; fair condition (cracking at corners and elsewhere on exterior, at least some of which is due to erosion under foundation)							
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE							
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUOING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)							
Listed in National Register 9/9/74							
COMPILER, AFFILIATION				DATE			
Nancy Pittenger, Andrew	W. Chandler -	SCDAH		4/5/88			

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